

THE LATE FATHER D. P. CRONIN

SOLEMN REQUIEM AT CARTERTON.

On Wednesday, June 4 (writes an esteemed correspondent), there was a Solemn Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Church, Carterton, for the repose of the soul of the late Father D. P. Cronin, who died on November 24, 1918. It was impossible, owing to the influenza epidemic, to hold a Requiem at the time of Father Cronin's death. Representing the clergy of the Archdiocese of Wellington were:—Right Rev. Mgr. McKenna (who presided), Very Rev. Dean Holley, S.M. (Provincial), Very Rev. Dean T. McKenna, Fathers T. Guinane, F. Dignan, R. Hoare, C. Harnett, J. O'Connor, M. Fitzgibbon, J. Forrestal, G. Mahony, C. Outtrim, D. Mangan, C.S.S.R., and M. O'Beirne. The celebrant of the Mass was Father E. Phelan, Father J. Bowe being deacon, Father T. Cahill subdeacon, and Father Cashman master of ceremonies. Father MacManus (Palmerston North) preached the occasional sermon. In his discourse he referred to the sterling qualities of Father Cronin, making special reference to his great devotion to the Sacred Heart, his attention to the sick, his zeal for teaching Christian doctrine to the children, and also his great charity. In all his sermons (he said) the late Father Cronin endeavored to show the mercy of God, and he was sure now that the Sacred Heart of Jesus would have mercy upon him. The parishioners were well represented; in fact, it was impossible to find seating accommodation for all who attended. Father E. Kimbell presided at the organ, and at the conclusion of the solemnities played the "Dead March" from "Saul." The sanctuary was draped in mourning. The absolution at the catafalque was given by the Rev. E. Phelan, thus concluding one of the most impressive ceremonials yet witnessed in Carterton. The clergy were entertained at the presbytery by Rev. M. O'Beirne.

OBITUARY

MRS. FLORA DERROM, AUCKLAND.

Mrs. Flora Derrom, who died recently at her residence, Eden Terrace, Auckland, was born in that city in May, 1844. She was married to the late Major Derrom, and resided in Auckland for the whole of her life of 75 years, thus having practically seen the whole development of that city from a small settlement to its present condition. Although an invalid for the past 16 years, the late Mrs. Derrom took a keen interest in passing events, and retained her faculties to the last. Mrs. Derrom always took a lively interest in St. Vincent de Paul work, and was an active member of the society from the time of its inception at St. Patrick's until failing health forced her to resign. She is survived by two daughters and one son (Captain R. J. Derrom), who recently returned from active service in France.—R.I.P.

MR. PATRICK CONNORS, TOTARA FLAT.

The funeral of the late Mr. Patrick Connors, who was accidentally drowned while attempting to cross the Grey River on May 24, took place at Ahaura on Saturday, June 7, the body not being recovered until the Thursday previous. The remains were removed to the local Catholic church in the morning, where a Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of deceased

was celebrated by Father T. Hanrahan, who also officiated at the interment. The funeral, which was one of the largest seen in Ahaura for years, was attended by friends and relatives from all parts of the Coast, and showed the great respect in which the deceased was held. The late Mr. Connors, who was 30 years of age, had followed the pursuits of mining and contracting, being a very capable workman. Upright and honorable in all his dealings, he well merited the high esteem in which he was regarded by all with whom he came in contact. The deceased's mother and three brothers are left to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

MISS BRIDGET MALONE, HAWERA.

Fortified by all the sacred rites of her religion, there passed peacefully away on June 15, at the residence of her sister-in-law (Mrs. T. Malone, Riverlea, Taranaki), a very well-known and highly-esteemed resident of Hawera, in the person of Miss Bridget Malone. Deceased, who had attained the ripe age of 82 years, was a native of Co. Clare, Ireland, and came to New Zealand with her brothers, the late John, Thomas, and Michael Malone, and passed through all the strenuous times of the Maori war, being practically one of the first women to settle in Hawera. The deceased was a most fervent and devoted Catholic, and in her younger days was a very generous helper in all Church matters, always eager to promote the good work of priests and Sisters in the parish. The late Miss Malone had a number of relatives in religious Orders, the Reverend Mother and Sister M. Clement of the Sacred Heart Convent, Wanganui, and Sister M. Gabrielle, of Ohakune, being nieces, and the late Father D. Malone, S.M., of Greymouth, was a nephew. Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated on Tuesday morning, June 17, by the Very Rev. Dean Power, who also officiated at the interment. The funeral was largely attended, the pall-bearers being four nephews of deceased—Messrs. D. J. and J. Malone, of Stratford, and D. P. and J. Malone, of Riverlea.—R.I.P.

STRIFE AND SWEETNESS.

(From the Italian of Metastasio.)

The stream that falls
Down Alpine walls
Is scattered wide,
Is flung in air,
Hurled here and there,
But ever, ever purified:
Till, finding rest
In woodland breast,
Secure from shock
Of wind or rock,
It dreams away in gathering slime
All the beauty of its prime.

—G. O'NEILL, in *Studies*.

When e'er life's troubles may befall,
A friend in need is loved by all;
Despite of sorrow, strife, and sin,
A kindly act makes all men kin.
When winter colds and coughs assail
Each one has but himself to blame
If he rejects a friend so sure
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